

## **What can you tell me about storage types and length of time my HHG can remain in storage...**

### **What is Storage in Transit (SIT)?**

Temporary -- You are entitled to 90 days of temporary storage when your household goods are being moved at government expense on a set of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders. You may request an extension, an additional 90-days, in writing by completing a DD-1857 at your local Personal Property Office. Storage may be requested at origin. You should try to avoid using temporary storage by planning for a realistic date when your goods can be accepted. This will save the property from additional handling and possible damage.

NOTE: It is the member's responsibility to notify the PPSO of any change in orders or other information affecting the member's entitlement to ship or store his/her household goods.

If your entitlement to property stored at Government expense expires and the shipment is turned over to a commercial storage account; storage charges are the responsibility of the member. If the account isn't kept current the warehouseman has the right to exercise his legal rights under the Uniform Commercial Code. Not notifying the PPSO of a change in orders, etc. can be expensive (paying commercial storage rates and/or losing your household goods).

### **2. What is Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) – permanent storage?**

Non-Temporary – This is long-term storage and is usually authorized in specific cases (orders to Sea Duty or OCONUS). Great care should be taken in separating items to be shipped and stored because once in storage, it is not easy to retrieve them. Service members may need to request an extension of their non-temporary storage if their rotation date back to the States changes and more time is needed. This request is processed through the transportation office that did the non-temp storage paperwork; failure to do this may result in the service member having to pay storage fees. To prevent excess costs, the total weight of property shipped and stored should not exceed your authorized weight allowance.

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